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## **Lafayette Public Library Board meeting minutes**

Remote meeting via Zoom Conference

February 14, 2022

I. Call to order at 6:32 pm

Present: Chair Olivia Ameigh, Vice Chair Susan Curtis, Secretary Dave Belin, Randy Bender, Jess Gribble, Ed Knight, Jody Tracy, Denise Walker, Autumn Warrington, Library Director Melissa Hisel, Assistant Director Scott Foley, Circulation Manager Brandon Cox, and City Council Liaison Enihs Medrano.

- II. **Library Mission**: "The Lafayette Public Library brings community, information, and ideas together to inspire learning, literacy, and discovery."
- III. Comments from Public: None.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes from January 10, 2022 Meeting**: Curtis moved to accept the minutes from the January 10, 2022 meeting; Ameigh seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. Staff Update: Director Hisel updated the Board about several topics, including finalist interviews for Technical Services Manager, the resignation of the Director of the Flatirons Library Consortium and upcoming recruitment for a replacement, beta testing of paperless timecards for the City of Lafayette, the KN95 mask giveaway (over 15,000 handed out so far), the recent vaccine clinic at the library, AARP tax season, the City Council approval of funding for historical research into Mary Miller, and other updates.
- VI. **Presentation: Library and Cultural Arts Strategic Plan Update:** Director Hisel reported to the Board about the Request for Proposal that is currently in the field, and the intent of the Strategic Plan Update. Research and outreach to the community will be a major component of the Plan, with an emphasis on non-users of the Library and how the Library can better reach out to those residents. The Plan is anticipated to take up to a year to complete.
- VII. **Discussion: Remote vs. In-Person Meetings:** City Council will be returning to in-person meetings in March. Boards and Commissions are able to independently decide about whether to return to inperson meetings. Hybrid remote and in-person meetings are not an option. Ameigh emphasized that no one should feel pressured to attend an in-person meeting if they don't feel comfortable

doing so. In-person meetings with social distance and masked are one of the options. The Board discussed a variety of options for moving forward with meeting formats. While the current indoor mask mandate in Boulder County is still in effect, the County Commissioners are meeting tonight to discuss this issue.

- VIII. **Discussion: Policy Updates:** A review of several policies was discussed. The Photography and Video Policy was discussed in terms of children's and group activities, including story times and other events. Director Hisel also discussed the policy about a minimum age for children to be unsupervised at the Library (which is currently 8 years old). Additionally, Hisel presented the Bulletin Board Policy and the Programs Policy, which would define criteria for identifying programs at the Library. Decisions about content, programs, and viewpoints are a difficult needle for the Library to thread, taking into account various perspectives and attempting to remain neutral as a provider of information but not advocacy. Curtis asked about the Boulder Public Library decision to become a District, to which Director Hisel responded with an update.
- IX. **Foundation Liaison Update**. Bender reported about the Foundation the bank balance, the March book sale (March 19 to 27, 2022), free books for Marshall Fire victims, and the structure of the Foundation.
- X. **Council Liaison Update**. Councilor Medrano reported about the discussion of membership on Boards and Commissions (alternate members versus full members). The Library Board feedback was to consider eliminating the Alternate Member designation.
- XI. **Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items**: March 14, 2022, at 6:30 pm. Meeting will possibly be inperson at the Library, pending the results of a poll of the Board Members
- XII. **Adjourn:** Ameigh moved to adjourn the meeting; Bender seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

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